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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned a five-count indictment today charging Joey Kean Ho Kwong, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, with wilfully filing false personal tax returns for tax years 1999, 2000, and 2001, and with wilfully filing false tax returns for his business, Hibachi Joe's, Inc., for tax years 2000 and 2001. If convicted, Kwong faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a one-year term supervised release on each count of the indictment, in addition to civil penalties and payment of back taxes.

The charges against Kwong are the result of an investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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